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In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Demand continued light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were lower for extra large and large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times barely steady. Retail demand was light to usually moderate. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
EXTRA LARGE	48-58	49-55		RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	47-57	48-51	LARGE	30-39	34
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	MEDIUM	17-21	19
			SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on large sizes, unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment entering the week was cautiously steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for mixed breaking schedules. Light type hens were mostly adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58-72	58-64
LARGE	52-66	57-61
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower for extra large and large and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was steady to at times barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to instances barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for a moderate demand. Light type hens were usually adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56.5-66	58-61
LARGE	55-62	56-59
MEDIUM	36.5-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	66-70
LARGE	64-68
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-64	57-61
LARGE	54-63	55-57
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 6 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 7 cents lower on large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 3%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 6 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 7 cents lower on large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last week. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 58.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	112
EXTRA LARGE	104
LARGE	93
MEDIUM	78

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	179-229	LARGE	
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 07, 2005 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 30, 2005 were 222,320 cases which was 11 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	180,520	41,800	222,320

% change from the prior week.....	+8	+27	+11

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-37	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-26	22-24

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
03-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13.75	12.97

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was about fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were mostly adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
03-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.26
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- OCTOBER 03, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	SO Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.4	16.2	4.7	14.1	12.1	60.5
	Change	-0.8	3.7	-0.2	2.6	0.9	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	35.1	61.7	14.1	32.4	42.3	185.6
	Change	5.5	3.1	-5.4	-4.2	3.9	2%
Large	Curr Wk	67.4	223.7	64.2	105.9	106.1	567.3
	Change	14.5	31.4	0.8	15.3	9.6	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.2	56.0	14.6	22.9	24.3	132.0
	Change	-0.2	-2.4	-8.8	-3.5	-5.5	-13%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	7.8	2.4	5.5	3.9	24.6
	Change	-1.3	-1.3	1.0	2.1	-2.6	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	25.2	13.1	15.2	5.2	63.3
	Change	0.6	-2.4	-1.9	3.6	0.3	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.3	44.4	39.4	39.1	35.1	181.3
	Change	-0.8	5.8	-2.2	3.1	-2.5	2%
Total	Curr Wk	163.0	435.0	152.5	235.1	229.0	1214.6
Percent	Change	12%	10%	-10%	9%	2%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1214.6	5%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	238.1	7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1452.7	6%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 21.00								FUTURE LOADS 4.50		TOTAL LOADS 25.50					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	37.00	—	37.50	39.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	36.00	42.50	—	—	—	48.00	5.00
GL W J	—	—	55.50	57.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	51.38	54.50	49.00	51.00	34.50	—	6.00	GL W MD	23.00	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.50
GL W MD	—	—	30.00	31.00	25.00	28.00	2.50	GL W SM	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	21.50	24.50	—	—	—	—	.75	GL BR LG	68.00	—	—	—	—	73.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	32.00	35.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	24.00	26.50	—	—	.75								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/26/05-09/30/05

CURRENT LOADS 91.25								FUTURE LOADS 42.00		TOTAL LOADS 133.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	37.00	—	37.50	39.00	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	37.00	—	—	—	54.00	6.00
GNR W 2	—	—	35.75	37.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	48.00	—	—	—	—	58.50	1.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	68.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	36.00	42.50	—	—	—	47.57	17.50
GL W J	—	—	60.00	61.50	—	60.00	4.25	GL W LG	34.50	49.00	—	61.13	—	45.29	12.75
GL W XL	50.95	54.30	52.10	53.33	33.29	47.50	46.50	GL W MD	23.00	—	—	—	—	28.00	3.00
GL W LG	—	—	51.00	50.67	34.43	33.97	18.25	GL W SM	14.33	15.33	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W MD	33.00	—	30.25	31.50	25.00	28.00	6.25	GL BR LG	68.00	—	—	—	—	73.00	1.00
GL W SM	21.38	24.50	16.50	18.50	15.00	16.50	4.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	37.00	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.13	36.77	46.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	35.00	37.50	29.00	31.00	5.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	27.00	30.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	23.00	25.00	24.00	26.50	18.00	—	7.75								
NRBS - 36	—	16.00	—	—	13.00	—	2.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/26/05	09/19/05	09/20/04
PACIFIC COAST	141	198	107
LOS ANGELES	137	194	70

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on larger sizes; steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	75.86
LARGE	72.86
MEDIUM	54.86
SMALL	35.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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